(*b*) how many applications for gun licences were received from Malabar in 1952–53 and how many were granted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Each application for a licence for a gun is considered on its merits with particular reference to—

(i) the applicant's reliability and his ability to keep the weapon safe from theft or misuse; and

(ii) public security.

The procedure followed is that applications for the grant of arms licence are sent through the Deputy Tahsildar or Tahsildar concerned, who after making the necessary enquiry sends a report for the orders of the Collector.

" (*b*) The number of applications for gun licences received in Malabar district was as follows :—

1952—879.

1953—1,111

294 licences were granted in 1952 and 383 licences in 1953."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that in most cases the licensees of guns in mofassal places should serve as police touts and false witnesses in police cases and if they do not serve police purposes, their licences are cancelled on some pretext or other and thus they are made to suffer? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government, we will take action."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, is it not a fact that the Revenue Inspector, the Tahsildar, and even the Revenue Divisional Officer make recommendations, but still the permission is refused because some police constable reports something against the licensee? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not on the report of the police constable that licences are refused. If there are special reasons within the knowledge of the Collector, he refuses the licence."

National Extension Service areas in South Arcot.

* 975 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the area selected for development under the National Extension Service in the South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the total amount allotted for the district under the scheme for the year 1953–54?

19th May 1954]

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) (i) Panruti block consisting of Kadambuliyur and Tirunavallur firkas, (ii) Kurinjipadi block consisting of Kulianjavadi and Kurunjipadi firkas, (iii) Chinnaselam block consisting of Chinnaselam, Vadakkanandal and Kallakurichi firkas.

" (b) An expenditure of about Rs. 1,56,000 can be incurred in the three blocks during the year 1953–54."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that Tindivanam taluk is one of the most backward taluks in the entire South Arcot district, will the Government consider the desirability of developing this taluk either under the Community Project scheme or under the National Extension Service? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As the hon. Member put it, Tindivanam taluk is one of the most backward taluks. Government will consider taking up further areas when they take up the question of extending the National Extension Service."

Approval of the course of studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine by the University of Madras.

* 976 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri N. Gopala Menon is not in his seat. The answer to this question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any degree was conferred on the students who passed in their final examinations from the Government College of Indigenous Medicine last year; and

(*b*) whether the University of Madras has approved of the course of studies prescribed for the College?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) As the College of Indigenous Medicine has not been affiliated to the University of Madras, there is no question of the University approving the course of studies in the College of Indigenous Medicine or conferring degrees on the students. Only diplomas are awarded to the candidates who come out successful in the final examination."

Supply of electricity to Kachinad in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district.

* 977 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal for the supply of electricity to Kachinad in Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district; and

(*b*) if so, the action so far taken by the Government in the matter?